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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: ISSUE OF LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO JAPANESE, JUST GAINING HEADLINES AS LAST WEEK'S REPORT WAS DRAFTED, BALLOONED INTO SENSATIONAL STORY MONOPOLIZING PUBLIC ATTENTION DURING PAST WEEK. FAILURE OF JAPANESE EMISSARIES TO GET NAMES OF JAPANESE LEADERS INVOLVED PRODUCED EXPRESSIONS OF FRUSTRATION AND FORECASTS THAT ACTION NOW WILL SHIFT TO DOMESTIC STAGE. WHILE ANGER HAS BEEN AIRED OVER LOCKHEED'S MODUS OPERANDI AND SOME MEDIA COMMENTATORS HAVE SPOKEN OF CASE THROWING DARK SHADOW OVER US-JAPAN RELATIONS, MORE CONSTANT THEMES HAVE BEEN ADMIRATION FOR CHURCH'S PERSISTENCE IN EXPOSING WRONGDOING AND FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. MAJOR DAILIES' EDITORIALS HAVE PUT LOCKHEED CASE IN CONTEXT OF SERIES OF POST-WATERGATE INVESTIGATIONS SEEKING TO PURGE GOVERNMENT AND BIG BUSINESS OF FLAWED MORALITY AND MISDEEDS DERIVING FROM MISUSE OF GREAT POWER AND RESOURCES THEY COMMAND. MEDIA ALSO STRESS THAT CONSERVATIVE JAPANESE POLITICS ARE BEING QUESTIONED AND WORLD WILL JUDGE JAPANESE DEMOCRACY

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ITSELF BY WAY TOKYO HANDLES MATTER. COLUMN IN PRESTIGIOUS

DAILY "ASAHI" BY JAPANESE PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT, RECENTLY BACK FROM STUDY PERIOD IN U.S., COMPARED INVESTIGATORY STYLES IN CONGRESS AND NATIONAL DIET. SAID MUCH GREATER AMERICAN "COURAGE TO PROTECT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT" THROUGH DOGGED PURSUIT OF FACTS HAS INCEPTION IN "OPEN GOVERNMENT," WHICH CONTRASTS WITH JAPAN'S "VEILED GOVERNMENT" AND "HYSTERIC POLITICS". SAID BIG ISSUES PRODUCE OUTBURSTS OF EMMOTION, SUCCEEDED BY LOSS OF HOPE AND THEY EASY RECOVERY. SAID TWT DURING THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESS SUBSTLE POWER MANIPULATIONS ENABLE PROBLEMS TOUCHING CORE OF MATTER TO SLIP BACK BEHIND VEIL.

2. PROGRAM

A. ECONOMIST PIERRE RINFRET: VOLSPKR AND CONSULTING ECONOMIST PIERRE RINFRET GAVE OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION ON U.S. ECONOMY IN HIS NORMAL SOMEWHAT FLAMBOYANT STYLE. BEFORE 42-MEMBER AUDIENCE, PRIMARILY GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL AND BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, RINFRET ASSERTED SOME USG POLICIES ARE EXTREMELY EXPANSIVE AND MAY PRODUCE STARTLING RESULTS SUCH AS PLUMMETING UNEMPLOYMENT IN U.S. EXCELLENT DISCUSSION WAS SPARKED BY THIS PRESENTATION. RINFRET HAD EARLIER GIVEN SAME PRESENTATION AT PACKED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB LUNCHEON.

B. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS BY ASP KENEN: PRINCETON ECONOMIST PETER KENEN CONTINUED HIS SERIES OF FIVE PROGRAMS WITH BUSY SCHEDULES IN SAPPORO AND NAGOYA TQT HELPED AUDIENCES THERE GAIN BETTER GRASP OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY. AT SAPPORO AC, WITH MARXIAN ECONOMIST KAWADA OF SOPHIA UNIVERSITY AS MODERATOR, KENEN REVIEWED ISSUES OF "NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE" AND ABLY HANDLED FOLLOWING LIVELY Q&A SESSION. NEXT DAY AT NEARBY OTARU COMMERCIAL COLLEGE KENEN HAD AS MODERTOR LOCAL PROFESSOR WHO HAD STUDIED WITH HIN AT PRINCETON. ABLY TREATED ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY AND IMPACT OF KINGSTON IMF MEETING RESULTS, AGAIN PRODUCIIG EXCELLENT FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSION. KENEN AND BPAO WERE GUESTS OF COLLEGE'S PRESIDENT FOR LUNCH. AT LATER BPAO-HOSTED DINNER IN SAPPORO KENEN ENGAGED TWO HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS PROFESSORS (INCLUDING ONE PREVIOUSLY UNCONTACTED MARXIST) IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSION VERY SUPPORTIVE TO USIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. ALL EVENTS BY KENEN WON HPGH PRAISE FROM AUDIENCES. IN NAGOYA 37 BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS ATTENDED KENEN'S PROVOCATIVE PRESENTATION ON SAME SUBJECT AREAS AS IN SAPPORO. MODERATOR WAS PROFESSOR WHO HAS ACTIVELY INTRODUCED KENEN'S ECONOMIC IDEAS TO AREA ECONOMISTS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. RESULT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. KENEN ALSO DID WEL AT NAGOYA UNIVERSITY (CO-SPONSOR) IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH EIGHT FACULTY MEMBERS

AND GRAD STUDENTS.

C. AMBASSADOR HODGSON: CONTINUING CENTRAL JAPAN TOUR, AMBASSADOR HODGSON MET IN KYOTO WITH SMALL GROUP OF PROFESSORS SPECIALIZING ON AMERICAN SOCIETY, ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FOR WARM ACTIVE DISCUSSION OF US-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, LAW OF SEA ISSUES, RESOURCES AND DETENTE. GOING ON TO NAGOYA, AMBASSADOR MET WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE WITH REPORTERS FROM LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS AND ATTENDED DINNER SPONSORED BY PREFECTURE, CITY AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE--ALL DURING FIRST DAY. IN SECOND-DAY PROGRAMS AT NAGOYA AC, AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATED IN MORNING ROUNDTABLE, CO-SPONSORED WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WITH TEN BUSINESS LEADERS, AND IN AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLE WITH TEN LABOR LEADERS CONCENTRATING ON LABOR ASPECTS OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR ALSO ADDRESSED 60-PERSON AUDIENCE OF JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY MEMBERS AND PRESS CORPS. AT EACH APPEARANCE, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CENTRAL JAPAN TRADE IN US-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MORE ACTIVE STAND U.S. CAN TAKE ON IMPROVING US-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS NOW THAT U.S. ECONOMY IS RECOVERING,

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AND WAYS U.S. MAY HELP ON LABOR AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHEN

WORKING WITH JAPANESE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS.
AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR WAY HE WAS
HANDLED BY USIS OFFICERS.

D. POLITICAL OFFICER DANKERT: WITH SUPPORT OF ELECTION MATERIALS FROM IPS AND TOKYO AC INFOMAT, EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ROGER DANKERT PROVIDED TAC BRIEFING ON 1976 U.S. ELECTIONS FOR 10-12 MEDIA WRITERS FROM MAJOR NATIONAL OUTLETS. REPORTED GOOD RESPONSE, BUT SAW NEED FOR EVEN FULLER ARRAY OF ELECTION-RELATED MATERIALS.

E. CENTER FELLOW SQUERCIATI: CONTINUING ACTIVE SERIES OF APPEARANCES AROUND JAPAN, TOKYO AC FELLOW DR. MARIE SQUERCIATI PRESENTED GOOD PROGRAMS IN OSAKA AND KYOTO ON ISSUES OF IDENTITY IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, WITH EMPHASIS ON EMERGING NEW ROLES OF WOMEN. AT OSAKA AC, AUDIENCE OF 68 (58 ARS) TENDED TO SIDETRACK WHEN QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ON SUCH MATTERS AS RELATIVE BRAIN SIZE OF MEN AND WOMEN AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIGH-HEEL SHOES STYLES AND HAND-HOLDING AMONG POSTWAR JAPANESE YOUTH: BUT SQUERCIATI AND CO-SPEAKER SOCIOLOGIST KOJIMA DISPLAYED SKILL AT GETTING DISCUSSION BACK TO CENTRAL THEMES. IN KYOTO, DR. SQUERCIATI HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION WITH ACADEMICIANS, ARTISTS AND STUDENTS --MOST OF WHOM HAD ATTENDED PREVIOUS SQUERCIATI PROGRAM.

F. POLICY ADVISOR ARMACOST: STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY OFFICER MICHAEL ARMACOST WAS FEATURED AT CPAO-HOSTED RECEPTION-DISCUSSION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WITH EIGHT NATIONAL MEDIA SPECIALISTS (NATIONAL DAILIES AND NHK) ON THIS SUBJECT AREA. HALF-HOUR ARMACOST TALK WAS FOLLOWED BY EXCELLENT 90-MINUTE DISCUSSION SESSION VERY USEFUL TO IMPROVING MEDIA WRITERS' UNDERSTANDING OF USG THINKING ON NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS.

G. POLICY ADVISOR WEINSTEIN: ARMACOST'S SUCCESSOR AS AMBASSADOR'S ADVISOR ON POLICY, DR. MARTIN WEINSTEIN, ALSO PROVIDED USIS-ARRANGED BRIEFING FOR REPORTERS FROM MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES ON ISSUES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN PRC, USSR AND AMERICA.

H. MEDIA PLACEMENT: MID-JANUARY INTERVIEW VIDEOTAPED BY NHK-TV WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE RICHARD BELL APPEARED AS TEN-MINUTE SEGMENT IN NATIONALLY TELECAST "FARMER'S HOUR" PROGRAM FEBRUARY 7. BELL CLARIFIED U.S. POSITION ON GRAIN SALES TO USSR AND ASSERTED U.S. WOULD NOT USE FOOD AS WEAPON.

I. RESPONSES TO "TRENDS": AMONG MAIL FROM "TREND" READERS WAS NOTE FROM TOYAMA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR ADVISING US THAT

HE SED MATERIAL FROM "TRENDS" ARTICLE ON AMERICA'S SEVEN
GEOGRAPHIC WONDERS IN CLASS LECTURE ON AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY,
LETTER FROM PRESTIGIOUS WASEDA UNIVERSITY ASKING THAT
"TRENDS" BE MAILED DIRECT TO FACULTY LIBRARY IN DEPARTMENT
OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS, AND LETTER FROM MEIJI
UNIVEESITY PROFESSOR PRAISING RECENT "TRENDS" ARTICLE ON
NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING.

3. USIA INSPECTION: FIVE-MEMBER USIA INSPECTION TEAM ARRIVED AND
BEGAN IMMEDIATELY WITH MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS. TEAM MEMBERS
ARE CURRENTLY VISITING AMERICAN CENTERRS.

4. ASIA FOUNDATION "INSPECTION": STUDY TEAM LED BY FORMER
AMBASSADOR SAMUEL BERGER SPENT THREE DAYS IN TOKYO FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH EMBASSY, USIS, ASIA FOUNDATION AND MANY JAPANESE LEADERS,
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